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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/808,315
Filing Date	February 28, 1997
First Named Inventor	KINOSHITA ET AL.
Group Art Unit	28810
Examiner Name	James S. Menefee
Attorney Docket Number	81880-90087-1011

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. **NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 24, 2001
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply 02/28/2002 MGEBRM1 00000021 08808315
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:179
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 740.00
 iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314
 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$740
 ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$810
 iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$740 and \$810 enclosed
 c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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